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The new Agawam Library on Cooper Street which is slated to open in February. photo by Jack Devine

Agawam Residents Move to Block License

by Gail Loncto

Residents in the South Westfield Street area are concerned that a class three license will be granted to Anthony and Albert Albro of the Albro Brothers Sales Operation, located at 267 South Westfield Street.

The Albro Brothers were granted a Special Permit in 1977 allowing them to operate a sales and storage business, but which prohibited automobile repair. The permit expires this year and the Albro Brothers are seeking a Class Three license.

Edward L. Blasak, of 256 South Westfield Street, is spearheading a letterwriting drive asking other concerned residents to contact the Board of Appeals with their disapproval.

At a Board of Appeals Hearing last week, residents

in the South Westfield Street area, withdrew their opposition after reviewing the Albro Brothers plans for a Class Three license.

Mr. Blasak commented that he now feels the "good intentions" of last weeks hearing would eventually change and the results would not be in the best interests of the community. According to Mr. Blasak, the Albro Brothers' operation would result in a junk-yard appearance, walled in by a high fence.

The Albro Brothers have said that they can immediately use the garage for repair of motor vehicles, store a larger number of motor vehicles, and do not presently have a fence in the area or conduct business during specified hours, according to

the existing zoning by-laws. According to Anthony Albro, they need the Class Three license to purchase automobiles from insurance companies, and are willing to compromise to obtain the Class Three license, but not to the point of economic hardship.

He further stated, "I understand the concern of the area residents and we'd like to comply to their wishes, but we're offering a much better deal to them by obtaining the Class Three license."

The Board of Appeals decision will be rendered by Feb. 17. The petition for the Class Three license will then be voted on by the Town Council, to determine whether or not the license will be granted.

Agawam Businessmen Request Investigation of Library Building Committee

by Gail Loncto

Representatives from the Agawam Businessmen's Association have formally requested that the Town Manager's office initiate an investigation of the Agawam Library Building Committee.

Town Manager Peter Caputo stated that the request is based on "alleged irregularities in procedure."

After a Friday morning meeting with Arthur Leary, Jerry Zerra, and Joseph Napolitan, representatives of the Businessmen's Association, Caputo noted that a board of inquiry composed of three "responsible citizens" will be formed to look into the matter. He said that all records concerning the construction of the library will be made available to the board, and their findings will

be reported to the Town Council.

Caputo commented that he is also "taking under consideration" a request by the Businessmen's Association to appoint additional members to the Agawam High School Building Committee. Both the Library Building Committee and the High School Building Committee are presently composed of the same three men: Councilor Paul Fieldstad, School Committee member, Richard Borgatti, and George Bickford.

When asked to comment, Chairman Paul Fieldstad stated that he was not aware of all the facts in this matter, but he went on to say, "we built a first class building for the Town of Agawam, and we brought it in with a \$60,000

under-run."

In November, the Library Building Committee proposed the construction of an amphitheatre with the excess funds. The project, which would have been adjacent to

to the new library was abandoned by an informal decision of the Agawam Town Council. The Library Building Committee was requested to seek an alternative use for the money. The fate of the \$60,000 has, as yet, not been decided.

The Agawam High Building Committee is scheduled to oversee the four million dollar high school renovation scheduled to begin in the near future.

SPAN Center to Offer Alcohol Counseling

The SPAN Center in Agawam is inaugurating an alcohol information and informal counseling service on January 5, 1979.

Jim Foley, an Agawam resident with a background in working with alcohol problems, will be available

every Friday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to answer questions by telephone or in person. He will advise people in the most appropriate ways for them to seek help, and he will be available for informal counseling.

SPAN is very pleased that they are able to offer this

service to the community. Alcohol abuse is a serious problem among both youth and adults, and alcohol education is badly needed.

For more information, call the SPAN Center at 786-6410 on Friday evening between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Downhill Racers



These Agawam children found that Christmas vacation is the perfect time to try out that new sled - especially when Mother Nature is so cooperative. Pictured above are, front, Jeffrey Swales. In back, left to right: Justine Swales, Joey Albano, Tracy Peck, and Mark Thibault. photo by Jack Devine

Venetta Snyder Appointed to State Committee

Venetta L. Snyder, a nine-year member of the Agawam School Committee, has been appointed to serve on the Massachusetts Interscholastic

Athletic Association (MIAA) Games Officials Committee for 1978-79, representing the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC).

The MIAA Games Officials Committee is charged with negotiating with officials for the various interscholastic sports events in the state and determining the fees which game officials will be paid.

The MASC is an organization serving the school committees throughout the commonwealth.

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Wednesday January 3

5:00 THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (NR-3:39)
9:00 College Basketball: TULSA AT INDIANA STATE (Live)
11:00 BARRY LYNDON (PG-3:05)

Thursday January 4

6:00 CONVOY (PG-1:51)
8:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
9:00 CONVOY (PG-1:51)
11:00 WHICH WAY IS UP? (R-1:34)
12:45 Football: INSIDE THE NFL

Friday January 5

6:00 THE AMAZING MR. BLUNDEN (G-1:30)
8:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
9:00 STRAIGHT TIME (R-1:47)
11:00 SEMI-TOUGH (R-1:48)
1:00 THE LAST HARD MEN (R-1:32)

Saturday January 6

2:30 CONVOY (PG-1:51)
4:30 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
5:30 MACARTHUR (PG-2:08)
8:00 THE HBO COMEDY VARIETY REVUE "OPENING NIGHT"
9:00 THE TURNING POINT (PG-1:59)
11:00 CONVOY (PG-1:51)
1:00 DAMNATION ALLEY (PG-1:31)

Sunday January 7

2:30 THE AMAZING MR. BLUNDEN (G-1:30)
4:00 THE LAST REMAKE OF BEAU GESTE (PG-1:23)
5:30 OPERATION THUNDERBOLT (PG-2:06)
8:00 CASEY'S SHADOW (PG-1:57)
10:00 WHICH WAY IS UP? (R-1:34)
1:30 THE LAST HARD MEN (R-1:32)
1:00 THE LAST REMAKE OF BEAU GESTE (PG-1:23)

Monday January 8

5:00 BARRY LYNDON (PG-3:05)
8:00 SWEET REVENGE (PG-1:25)
9:30 STRAIGHT TIME (R-1:47)
11:30 CONVOY (PG-1:51)

Tuesday January 9

6:30 DAMNATION ALLEY (PG-1:31)
8:00 THE EAGLE HAS LANDED (PG-2:03)
10:00 THE LAST HARD MEN (R-1:32)
11:30 THE TURNING POINT (PG-1:59)



Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

The recent snowstorms have produced a dramatic backdrop for the slate-colored junco or "snowbird."

This sparrow-sized bird can be easily spotted hopping about among brush and grass spikes which poke through the snow. The junco is gray above and through the breast with a white abdomen and a white edge along the tail feathers. The bill is flesh-colored. The females and immatures are brownish in color, and the immatures may have varying amounts of pink on their sides.

Juncos often travel in large flocks and will winter in parks, gardens, fields, and thickets. They will visit feeders and hop around the ground below searching for seeds, though seldom scratching.

Juncos appear to be courageous birds, unimindful of the cold and snow and often the first to appear after a storm. They are widespread throughout the United States in one variety or another. The white-winged junco is found in the Black Hills, the gray-headed in the Southwest, and the Oregon junco in the West. All have a call which is a simple, slow trill that is more musical than that of the Chipping Sparrow.

As spring approaches, juncos head for their mountain breeding grounds. They prefer forests of conifers and sometimes travel as far north as Alaska and Newfoundland to mate.

Both sexes help construct the nest, which is on or near the ground. They build a deep cup of bark shreds, moss, thin grass, and upturned rootlets. Frequently, a site is chosen that is near a road, sometimes right on the bank.

After the female lays four or five pale blue-white eggs with brown spots, the male assumes a protective perch nearby the nest and serenades his mate.

Most juncos sighted in New England will be slate-colored; however, infrequently, a more western resident makes his way east and will behave in the same manner as his indigenous brother. Also, since members of the species interbreed where their ranges overlap, aberrations in coloring are worth watching for.

Birders are reminded to keep their feeders well stocked now that food sources have become scarce. Remember to donate your tinsel-free trees to Laughing Brook, where it will be used for animal shelter and will be recycled naturally.

Laughing Brook Offers Family Nature Hike

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a family nature hike on Saturday, Jan. 6 at 2 p.m.

Staff Naturalist Tom Tynning will lead students, parents, and hikers along one of the sanctuary's newest trails to discover "Signs of Winter Wildlife." The focus will be on discovering

indications of passing wildlife, such as footprints, wing marks, bark chews, and more. Interpreting the activity of the particular animal will be an interesting activity.

The "Signs of Winter Wildlife" walk is free to Laughing Brook visitors who pay the regular admission fee. For more information, call Laughing Brook any day at 566-3571.

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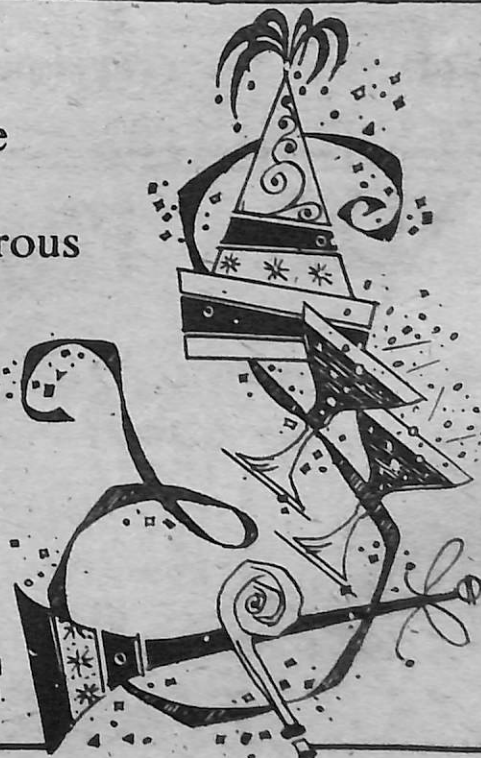
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School Lunch Menus

Agawam School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Jan. 3: Baked luncheon loaf w/ pineapple & brown sugar topping, buttered sweet peas, whipped potatoes, whole wheat bread & butter, potato cake w/ vanilla icing, milk

Thursday, Jan. 4: Baked hamburger & macaroni w/ meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, buttered garlic bread, orange jello w/ whipped topping, milk

Friday, Jan. 5: Filet of haddock sandwich, tartar sauce or ketchup, oven French fries, buttered niblet corn, ice cream, milk

Monday, Jan. 8: Cream of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich w/ pickle chips garnish, tossed salad w/ shredded carrots and French dressing, spiced applesauce, milk

Tuesday, Jan. 9: Cup of juice, hamburger on buttered roll, sweet peas, steamed rice, school-baked cookies, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 10: Steamed frankfort in roll, oven French fries, buttered diced carrots, mustard & relish, butter pecan pudding w/ whip topping, milk

Thursday, Jan. 11: Roast turkey in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered peas and carrots, white bread and butter, ice cream, milk

Friday, Jan. 12: 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter & jelly sandwich, oven French fries, buttered niblet corn, chocolate cake w/ vanilla icing, milk

Southwick School Lunch Menu

Tuesday, Jan. 2: Oven baked frankfurter on roll, catsup & mustard, French fries, chilled pears, milk

Wednesday, Jan. 3: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, buttered peas, chilled cinnamon applesauce, bread & butter, milk

Thursday, Jan. 4: Maryland fried chicken, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, chilled peaches, bread & butter, milk

Friday, Jan. 5: Pizza on English muffin, buttered green beans, chilled mixed fruit w/ cookies, milk

Agawam Senior Center

Wright Street

Menu

January 2: Pepper steak, mashed potatoes, stewed tomatoes, baked apple

January 3: Beef Stew, rice, lettuce, cake

January 4: Macaroni salad, wieners, spinach, custard

January 5: Poached fish, potato puffs, peas and carrots, plums

January 8: Sheppards pie, lettuce, pears

January 9: Beef ribs, mashed potatoes, parsnips, cake

January 10: Creamed turkey in patty shells, broccoli, banana

January 11: Meatballs, noodles, wax beans, jello

January 12: Clam chowder, garlic bread, pudding with fruit syrup

The nurse's foot clinic will be held January 18th.

The Hypertension Clinics will be January 9th and January 23.

Sewing Classes to be Held at Extension Office

Registration for both Basic and Intermediate Sewing Classes will be held Wednesday, January 3 at the Hampden County Extension Service, 1499 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Interested students should register that day from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The eight-week session begins the week of January 8, and each lesson is 3 hours

long. Intermediate classes will meet Wednesday mornings at 9:00 or Wednesday afternoons 12:30 p.m. The Basic class will meet Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

A \$20 fee is payable at registration, and classes are available to the public without regard to race, color, or national origin.

For further information, contact the Hampden County Extension Service.

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Natalie entered the contest as a class art contest at Peirce School, where she attends second grade. The theme of the contest was to depict a house the child would most like to live in. Natalie's drawing was chosen from five hundred local entries and went on to compete with twenty-five hundred entries state wide.

On January 15th, Natalie will be awarded a one hundred dollar savings bond at a banquet to be held in her honor. Her "dream house" will appear on the 1979 Massachusetts Association of Realtors' Directory.

Natalie's mother, Ann Young, noted that Natalie's drawing resembles houses their family had seen while visiting Scotland last year.



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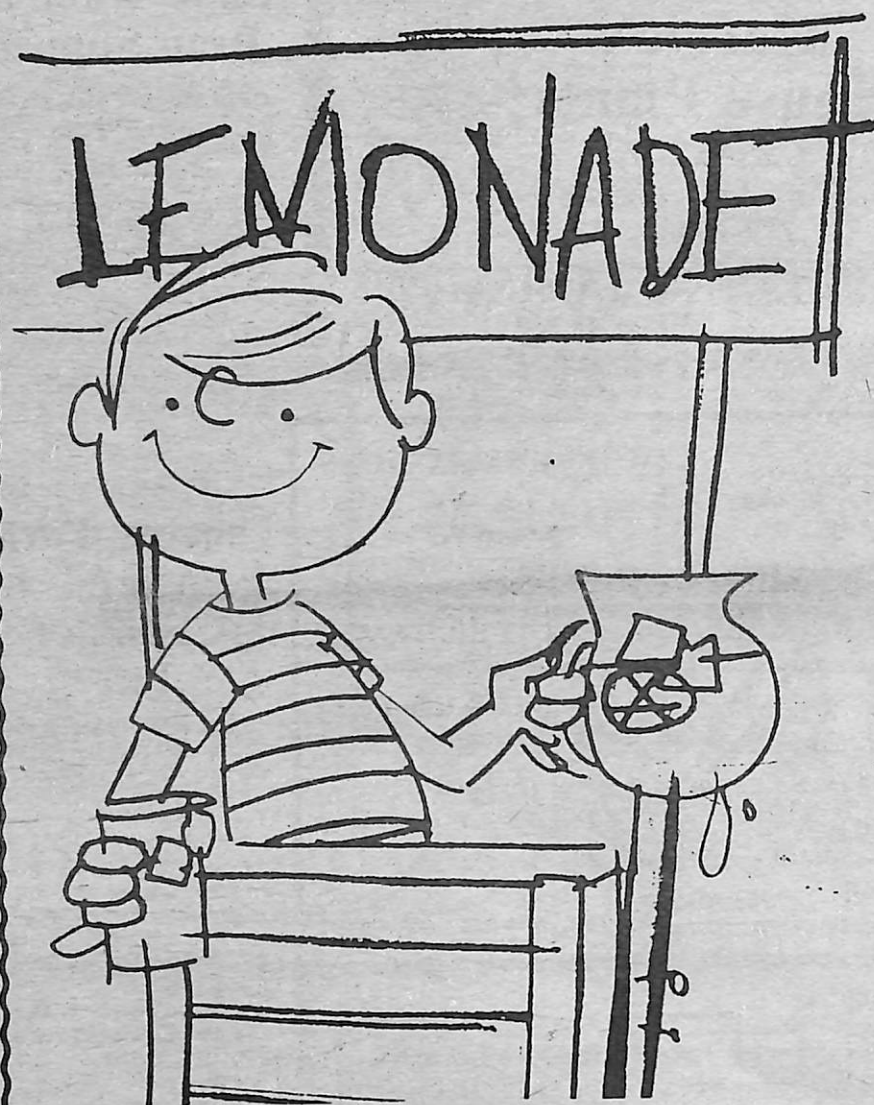
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Mr. and Mr. Felix Matt Sr. Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Matt Sr. recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 29. They have been residents of Agawam for the past 28 years and reside at 52 Valentine Street.

Mrs. Matt is the former Merriette Baer of Longmeadow, and she wed Felix Matt, formerly of New Jersey, on Dec. 29, 1928. Mr. Matt

retired from the former Gilbert and Barker Co. in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt will be guests of honor at a dinner celebration given by their sons, Felix Matt Jr. of Feeding Hills and Albert Matt of Springfield. Their six grandchildren and out-of-town relatives will also attend.

Danahy PTO to Hear Sy Becker

Sy Becker, well-known, area movie critic, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Danahy School PTO to be held at the school on Maple Street, Agawam, on Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Becker will explain the movie rating system presently being used and will offer information on movies to be selected for our children. Adult movie ratings and movies will also be discussed. He has had many years of experience in this field and is News Director of radio station WSPR in Springfield.

The public is invited to attend the program, which will begin at 8 p.m. after a brief business meeting. Refreshments will be served.



Pictured kicking off the March of Dimes drive in Agawam are, left to right: Fred Montesi, Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, Rudy Altobelli, and Police Sgt. Charles Cartello. photo by Jack Devine.

Mr. & Mrs. Club Ham & Bean Supper

The Mr. and Mrs. Club of the Agawam Baptist Church will sponsor and cook themselves a Family Style Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, January 13.

Servings will take place at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m., and tickets will be \$3.25 for adults and \$1 for children under 10.

The menu will consist of baked ham, home-baked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, assorted pies, coffee, tea, or milk.

For reservations, please call 786-7410 or 786-1977.

Theatre Party Sponsored by Citizens for Life

A Stage West theater party is being planned for Sunday, February 4th at 7:30 p.m. to benefit Massachusetts Citizens for Life.

The play will be Agatha Christie's *Mousetrap*, which has been running non-stop in London for the past 26 years and is the longest running play in the history of the English theater.

A limited supply of tickets at \$8 and \$7 is available and may be reserved by calling Theater Party Chairman Patricia Day at 583-8257 or Chapter Chairman Elwin Jock at 789-0846 on or before Friday, January 12th.

March of Dimes Drive Kicks Off

Fred Montesi, Rudy Altobelli, Terry Tetreault, and the Agawam Police Department are again working on the annual march of Dimes drive in Agawam.

The basic drive is conducted using the coin canisters and the coin cards. Any organization that would

like a coin card is asked to contact Fred Montesi or Rudy Altobelli.

To augment the drive this year, a doubles tennis tournament will be conducted in April. A donation of \$5.00 to the March of Dimes will be the entry fee. Prizes will be awarded to Women's Doubles, Men's Doubles, and

Mixed Doubles teams.

The tournament will be conducted on Saturday, April 21, at the Agawam Y court. Those interested in participating are asked to make checks payable to the March of Dimes and mail to Rudy Altobelli, 43 Mill Street, Agawam, MA. 01001.

National Secretaries to Meet

The Springfield Chapter of the National Secretaries Association (International) will hold its regular meeting on January 17 at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield, beginning with cocktails at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Charles E. Everett, executive director and corporate officer of the Western Massachusetts P.S.R.O., Inc. and Health Care Foundation of Western Massachusetts, Inc.

Immediately following Mr. Everett's presentation, President Dee Thompson will conduct the chapter's regular monthly business meeting.

Area secretaries interested in becoming affiliated with Springfield Chapter are invited to contact Mrs. Louise Hannifin at Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co., State Street, Springfield.

Springfield Chapter holds monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield.

Women in Construction Hold Meeting

The National Association of Women in Construction, Chapter 115, will hold this month's meeting on January 9.

This meeting will be at Billy Fiore's restaurant, 50 Federal Street, Springfield with a Board of Directors meeting preceding the social hour at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.

The speaker for the evening will be James A. Madden, associate director of Springfield Central, Inc., who will speak on the revitalization of Springfield.

Please make your reservations with Miss Frances Pedulla, 341 Meadow St., Agawam, on or before January 2. Guests are always welcome.

St. Anthony's Holy Name Society to See Travel Slides

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church of Agawam will have their monthly meeting January 9th at 7:30 p.m. in the church hall.

The guest speaker for this meeting will be Donna Allen and staff of Agawam's Travel Consultants, 430 Main St. She will show slides of travel and vacation interest in the United States and Europe.

The society has extended an invitation to the Holy Rosary

Sodality and to church parishoners to attend this meeting.

The Holy Name Society will have corporate communion and memorial mass for deceased members on Saturday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m.

On February 7th, they will have their annual trippa, macaroni, and meatball supper in the church hall.

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CPR for Agawam's Finest



Agawam Police Det. Gerry O'Keefe, left, and Patrolman Bob Marsh, center, receive instruction in Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation from Patrolman Donald Loncto in a refresher course held recently for the Police Department. Loncto, who was the instructor for the course is also an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). photo by Jack Devine

Health Dept. Accepting Applications for Nurses Assistants

The Agawam Health Department is approved for a Title II CETA program to conduct a plan providing nursing assistants to aid the school nurses in their daily health care of students.

The department is now accepting applications for this 35-hour work week position as health care and nursing assistant.

The requirements necessary for each applicant are 1) a high school diploma, 2) a first aid certificate from the American Red Cross, and 3) unemployed for 15 weeks.

The applicant must also be able to relate well with children ages 5-10.

Skills Training Available Thru Outreach

The following positions are available for Agawam residents only through the Public Service Employment section of the Outreach Program.

These positions are only available to those Agawam residents who have been unemployed a minimum of 15 weeks.
3 positions - laborer
2 positions - library clerk
1 position - motor equipment repairman
1 position - senior clerk/typist

For further information about these job opportunities, contact the Outreach Program at 536-8810.

Laughing Brook Deadline Approaches for Bird Seed

Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden reminds area residents that the deadline for ordering and prepaying quality bird seed is Saturday, January 13.

The 260-acre wildlife sanctuary is offering sunflower seed, cracked corn, thistle seed, and a special wild bird mix in various amounts.

The annual bird seed sale is

Outreach Positions for Agawam Residents

The Outreach Program, a program of the Center for Human Development, is aimed at those who are unemployed or unskilled, at least 16 years of age, and live in one of several area communities.

The Outreach Program can provide those who qualify with work experience, on the job training, skills training, and public service employment.

Call the Outreach Program at 536-8810 if you live in one of the following communities: Agawam, Blandford, Brimfield, Chester, Chicopee, Granville, Hampden, Holyoke, Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Montgomery, Monson, Palmer, Russell, Southwick, Wales, Tolland, Westfield, West Springfield, or Wilbraham.

a major fund-raising event for the wildlife sanctuary. Laughing Brook is currently conducting a \$460,000 campaign to provide funds for an environmental resource center.

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



1979 is upon us, and it promises to be an eventful year for all of us flower and plant growers. I would like to begin the new year by inviting all of you to write in to me with any questions, comments, or solutions to a certain problem in growing something. I will try to answer any question as completely as space permits.

A customer at the greenhouse asked me about her burro's tail houseplant the other day. She asked how she could get it bushier. She told me it is growing down over its pot, but too much stem shows between the small leaves. She grows it in a south window.

Burro's-tail (Sedum morganianum) shows these spaces whenever allowed to dry out for too long or whenever roughly treated. Don't bump it or move it around too often. It could be drying out very fast in that south window, and you shouldn't let its soil stay dry for more than three days at a time.

If you are lucky, the plant can put out stems up to three feet long. New stems grow from near the base of the old

ones. You can start other new stems by picking leaves off the stems or the floor and dropping them into the pot. A single leaf will grow into a whole new stem very shortly.

Pinch the long and bare stems back to the last set of leaves to create a fuller effect. Wait for the new stems growing from within the pot to catch up, and your plant will look a lot fuller. This plant only occasionally branches along its long stems.

When is the best time to transplant a Norfolk Island pine houseplant? Really, the best time to transplant is when it needs it or whenever the roots have filled up its present pot. These plants grow very slowly and don't need repotting too often. The safest time is just after its spurt of new annual growth has appeared, which is a single tier of new leaves. Wait until these leaves have emerged and are as dark as those on the rest of the branches.

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Editorials

Fire Fighting

by Edith LaFrancis

At the time of the town's fiftieth anniversary, 1905, we had no organized fire department. Four men were chosen as fire wardens but for the most part fire fighting was done by anyone first at the scene. Buckets of water and wet blankets were standard equipment for house and barn fires and shovels and back-fires for forest and brush.

Among the disastrous fires of the past was the Porter fire on May 15, 1866 when a blaze started in a tobacco shed at the Porter farm on South Main Street and spread to the distillery and to the barn where forty head of cattle were burned.

Agawam Center school burned May 1849. The woolen mill fire started in the dye house and destroyed the wooden mill building and boarding house. The old covered bridge over Agawam River burned May 28, 1899 ignited by one of the kerosene lanterns used for lighting the bridge. Lightning was the cause of destruction of Mittineague School.

The first appropriation for fire protection was in 1906 when \$200 was voted for protection of public buildings. At the same time personnel was added to the police force as a means of preventing incendiary fires.

In 1907 or 08 an appropriation of \$500 was used for equipment at North Agawam, ladders, hose and reel, lantern and rope, to be kept in North Agawam where the houses were close together.

During the next few years, three fire companies were organized with twenty men each. The men furnished their own coats, hats and boots and received no regular compensation.

The first fire station in North Agawam was a small rented barn. In 1916, the first year firemen received any regular pay, a lot was purchased at North Agawam and a station built.

Feeding Hills kept equipment in an ancient barn and Agawam Center was still using the horse shed in back of the Congregational Church. With this state of affairs, the best efforts of the firemen sometimes failed, as in the case of the fires in the Ferry home on Mill Street and St. Theresa's Church.

In 1919 the town purchased three Reo Three-quarter ton Speed Wagons. These came with chemical tank, extension ladder, extinguishers and after delivery 750 feet of hose was added. One truck was placed in each part of town and proved efficient except that in cold weather they sometimes refused to start and also that water supply was sometimes far from the scene of a fire, which made recharging of the tank and returning to the fire a slow process. There were no hydrants.

In 1927 hydrants were installed in North Agawam. The volunteer force of the whole town was up to sixty men, who left their work when possible and came when they heard the alarm whistle. A new truck was purchased for North Agawam in 1929, a two and one half ton International.

All this was a big improvement over the situation of former days but not adequate to handle a fire in a four-story building.

On January 15, 1939 a fire was discovered in the top story of the block at the corner of River and Bridge Streets in North Agawam. It was a windy day. Mr. Cascella, superintendent at the nearby Worthy paper mill was also Selectman of West Springfield and knowing the lack of men and equipment immediately available in Agawam, he called

the West Springfield department.

West Springfield men put out the fire although a few men of the Agawam volunteers did finally arrive to give assistance.

Some fires occurred when men were easily available and others when it was almost impossible to find one fireman to drive the truck. It was time some permanent men were hired, at least a day and night driver for each truck. In 1942 two men were appointed permanent firemen, one at North Agawam and one at Agawam Center. Hours were seven to seven Monday through Saturday, pay \$35 per week.

Both equipment and services expanded in the next decade of rapid town growth. New trucks were purchased and a fire whistle for Feeding Hills. Mutual aid to outside towns was adding to the work of Agawam firemen.

By 1962 the force comprised a chief, 5 lieutenants, 19 fire fighters, but the next year there was a request for manpower and apparatus as recommended by New England Fire Insurance rating Association who made a survey of the town.

In 1966 there were thirty-one regular firemen, 782 inspections and 599 alarms. Five members were attending school for firemen.

1967 was a year of progress. The equipment at Feeding Hills was moved to a new building on Springfield Street, which was greatly appreciated by the men who reported, "What a change! Moving from a building that once housed the horses that were used for the Highway Department into one of the most modern and best equipped stations in Western Massachusetts." The old building, on the hill back of the Church at Feeding Hills center before its use as a barn had been a slaughter house.

Education in fire prevention is carried on today by the Fire Department with fire drills, demonstrations etc. A Deputy Chief was appointed in 1973 and the Department put under Civil Service. Of forty-three men, eleven were enrolled in Fire Science courses.

Tax money spent on culture and recreation is surely spent for a fine purpose; but it effects only the healthy and active citizens; a baby in a crib or an old person crippled by cancer or arthritis have no share. On the other hand, tax money spent on fire protection is shared equally by everyone, from the new-born to those who have passed the century mark. Fire protection is therefore a doubtful area for "scrapping and pinching" to reduce the town budget.

The changing nature and increase in technology of the fire service today requires more knowledge of chemistry, physics, electricity and mathematics to better understand the nature of flammable gasses, explosives and new materials, and to recognize potential hazards of new types of construction and industrial processes during fire fighting or fire prevention. New plastics, fuels, metals, radioactive material come into use, some of which under fire conditions produce explosives and deadly atmosphere. Many items commonly found in the home today when heated or burned produce toxic gases which may be permanently disabling or fatal if inhaled for only a few moments. Fire fighting is no longer a matter of pouring water on structures made of wood; fire fighting has become a science.

Speed in arriving at a fire, adequate equipment, training in fire science and rescue work all become increasingly important as the Town's population increases.

From The Editors Desk



Shall We Have Passive Acceptance of Passive Recreation Center?

I sometimes marvel at the logic - or lack of same - applied by the Agawam Town Council. I will admit, that 80% of the time, I am in agreement with their decisions. However, their recent decision to purchase land in the North Westfield, North West Street area for a "passive recreation" facility leaves me flat.

Actually, the word 'flat' is not descriptive enough. It doesn't convey my feeling of frustration over their decision - a decision that I can't imagine anyone in their position having the gall to make.

It seems to me that a Council who appears to be so concerned with fiscal austerity and takes a hard line stand on the closing of a fire station, and several social service cuts (most of which I agree with), would not have to think twice about purchasing a piece of land no one else seemed to want. Not only will the town of Agawam lose tax revenue, but it must also pay for the upkeep and security of the proposed facility (and probably stepped up patrolling of the areas adjoining this park).

We have only to look to places like Shea's Field to see the kinds of problems we will be facing with the new park. Lack of police personnel in this town is severe. In view of that fact, it doesn't make much sense to add to their work load unnecessarily.

Without proper supervision and constant patrolling, the proposed park will simply become another hangout for many of the "less desirable" elements.

It's time that the Council take a second look at this whole issue of funding and fund-cutting. The Town Council has got to stop giving into the pressure of special interest groups and start looking out for the best interests of the whole town if they are to accomplish what they have set out to do - namely lower spending and reduce the tax rate.

Board of Appeals

The Agawam Board of Appeals will hold a hearing in the Hearing Room of the Town Administration Building beginning at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 17, 1979.

Liquor Licensing Commission

The Agawam Liquor Licensing Commission will conduct its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 1979. The meeting will be held in the Hearing Room of the Town Administration Building.

Conservation Commission

Pursuant to the Provisions of General Law Chapter 131: Section 40, the Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing at the Town Administration Building Hearing Room, 36 Main Street, Agawam, on January 11, 1979 at 7:30 p.m.

The hearing is called to act on a letter of Intent submitted by Consolidated Cigar Corp., 131 Oak Street, Glastonbury, Conn., to perform work under the name Spearfarm Acres, Barry Street, Feeding Hills.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Just wanted to say our congratulations to you, your newspaper and especially to Dan Maruszczak Jr. for the excellent and outstanding job he did in this weeks newspaper on the Sporting Events of the year. "Fantastic Dan."

We also would like to wish you and your staff a very Happy and Prosperous New Year!

A ppreciatively yours,
Marion & John Riley

To the Sports Editor:

Your coverage of Agawam High sports is excellent - football, indoor sports, spring sports, etc.

Now, please get some information on the Agawam High School Ski Racing Teams, which includes both the boys and the girls. They each have their own ski coach - they are out there practicing in the cold preparing for inter-school competitive races. Also, we would like to pick the best girl skier and the best boy skier. They practice long

hours, they are out in the cold. We would like some recognition for them too.

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P.S. We like receiving our copy of the news in our mail box. We missed reading it so often.

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Our girl on the street asked: **"How would you rate the Town Manager now that he's been here a year?"**



BOB CHESLY
Feeding Hills

"I think he's done a very good job. He's done a lot of good for the public image of Agawam throughout the Pioneer Valley. He's done a good job locally too. I just think he's done a good job overall. I'm very pleased and I wish him good luck."



TAMIE ATANUS
Feeding Hills

"He's doing a good job, but he should get something for the kids to do they're not hanging around on the corners, breaking windows and damaging things. A place for them to go to play pool or hold dances in the schools. They don't have dances on Friday and Saturday night anymore."



EDGAR RENIER
Feeding Hills
"I think he's doing a good job cutting down on our taxes."

DR. RICHARD RABINOWITZ
Feeding Hills

"I have one comment, I'm very concerned about the closing of the fire station that services the Agawam shopping center...this part of the community...should have it's own fire station and I would ask the Town Manager to reconsider and re-open the North Agawam fire station."

SHERYL BELNIAK
Feeding Hills

"I don't think he's been very impressive. He's just there. We know he's still there because we see his picture in the paper, but he's been here a year and what has he done?"



MARK POGGI
Feeding Hills

"For the time he's been here he's doing OK. I think he should have more Police Officers on the Police Department though."



REV. FRANK E. DUNN
Feeding Hills

"I think Peter Caputo has been excellent as far as I'm concerned. His relationships with the people of the town, all the segments of it, have been the very best...He's brought to the Town Managers office something that represents confidence and competence. He's a great person and I like him very much."

West Side Jaycees Sponsor Ski-A-Thon

The West Springfield Jaycees are recruiting skiers and sponsors for their first Cross Country Ski-A-Thon, to benefit the Massachusetts Association for Retarded Citizens. The event is scheduled for Sunday, January 28th, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., at the Wilder Ski Trak on South Branch Parkway in Springfield.

According to Ski-A-Thon chairperson Mary Jo Mercie of Easthampton, individual of all ages in Hampden and Hampshire counties are welcome to participate, either by skiing, sponsoring a skier or helping man checkpoints on the day of the ski-a-thon.

Skiers solicit sponsors from within the community, who pledge the skiers a predetermined amount of money per kilometer skied. After the event, the contributions are collected by the participants

from their sponsors.

Interested skiers should contact Mary Jo Mercier at 739-7251. Registration and sponsorship forms can also be obtained at the following places:

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January 10, 1979
Danahy PTO Meeting
Danahy School
7:30 p.m.

January 13, 1979
Ham & Bean Supper
Agawam Baptist Church
5 & 6 p.m.

January 14, 1979
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Recent action in the Agawam High - Ludlow hockey game held at the Eastern States Coliseum. (Agawam is in the light jerseys). Agawam defeated Ludlow 9-1. photos by Jack Devine

Agawam's Blackhawks Remain Undefeated

The Agawam Blackhawks, coached by Ed Drewnowski, got off to an early lead in the 10-42 A Division of the Greater Springfield Junior Hockey League.

After the first two weeks of competition, they remain undefeated. The first game of

the season against 16 Acres found Agawam on top by a score of 4-1. Goals were scored by Dean Liptak (2), Kevin Mercadante, and Peter Sibilia, with assists from Erik Blanchard, Dennis Drewnowski, and Paul Ferraro.

The second game was

against their old foes, Chicopee. Agawam prevailed by a 4-2 margin. David Liptak was outstanding in goal and received excellent support from the rest of his "fired-up" teammates. Goals were scored by John O'Malley (2), Dennis Drewnowski, and Dean Liptak, with assists from Jay Passerini and Kevin Mercadante.

The third game was a breather for all concerned as the Blackhawks "scalped" Ludlow 10-2. Kevin Mercadante lead the assault with five goals and one assist, followed by John O'Malley, Jay Passerini, Peter Sibilia, and John Spellacy with one goal each and assists from Joe Dussault, David Liptak, and Erik Blanchard.

Chris Juzba and Bill Beauregard were very effective on defense.

Agawam Matmen Begin Season at 3-0

The Agawam High School wrestling team was in complete control on Saturday, Dec. 23, when they defeated both Pittsfield (57-10) and Taconic (63-6) at Longmeadow High School. Agawam won 10 of the 12

by Maureen O'Brien

On Friday, December 15, the A.A.A. Piranhas swim team racked up its first win of the season, downing the West Springfield Torpedos with the final score Agawam 695-West Side 218.

All age groups made a good showing, particularly the 11-12 group. The 11-12 girls took first, second, and third places in the 200-Yard Individual Medley and in the 50-Yard Backstroke. They also took first and second in the 200-

Yard Medley Relay, the 50-Yard Butterfly, and 200-Yard Free Relay.

The 11-12 boys swept the top three places in the 50-Yard Butterfly, 50-Yard Free Style and the 50-Yard Breaststroke.

Coach Judy Gregory and the team members have given up part of their Christmas vacation to work out in the Junior High School pool from noon to 2:00. Hopefully,

that extra practice will enable the team to make a good showing in their next meet, which will be held on Saturday, January 6 with the Springfield Sharks.

We have only two more home meets, the January 6 one and one on January 20 against Amherst. It's a good way to get warm on a cold Saturday afternoon. Come and support these hard-working youngsters.

Jr. Hockey 8-10 C's in First Place

The Agawam Hockey Association's season is now in full swing, with approximately 100 children ranging in

age from 5 to 16 participating.

The season started for the 8-10 C team, coached by Jim Ruby, with two ties; one with South Hadley (1-1), and one with Sixteen Acres (2-2).

During the first two games, sound offensive playing by Jeff Smith, Scott Bracci, and Dave Boutwell helped to keep the Agawam team in the game. Defensive play by the Messick brothers, Bobby and Ricky, and Denis Punch, and good goaltending by Jeff Guevin, made for a very exciting game.

Since the two ties, the team has gone on to win five out of their last six, losing only to Holyoke 5-3. In the Holyoke game, the Agawam team found themselves behind 3-0 going into the third period. With great offensive play, they came back to tie it up with 2:30 remaining. Holyoke scored with 1:30 left. Agawam's goalie was pulled to try for a tie, but Holyoke scored into the open net.

In the five wins the Agawam team has had five

shutouts, beating Wilbraham 8-0, Chicopee 5-0, East Longmeadow 1-0, Holy Cross 5-0, and East Side 2-0.

The three defensive lines, Bobby and Ricky Messick, Denis Punch and Mark Gianfelice, and Chris Jutras and Tony young have helped goaltender Jeff Guevin maintain his shutouts. The three offensive lines have had scoring ability. In the Wilbraham game, Dan Ruby and Dave Boutwell scored hat tricks while linemate Rob Matthews tallied four assists.

In the Chicopee game, Jeff Smith scored a hat trick while linemate Scott Bracci scored one and Brian Boutwell set up several of the tallies. Adding offensive power in all of the victories, was the line composed of Tom Messick, Jarrett Kubasky and Dave Lemay.

It has been a very exciting start to the hockey season for this team. Last year the team was winless throughout the year, but has managed to show that persistence and hard work pay off.

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Sportsmen's Corner

by Bill Chiba



The muzzle-loaders three day season produced 150 deer. On the breakdown, 97 does and 53 bucks were bagged, the total being 20 deer more than last year.

The four seasons checked like as follows: Bowhunters, 162; Paraplegics, 6; Shotgun, 2635; and Muzzleloaders, 150. All seasons were up this year except the shotgun, the consensus opinion being the lousy weather on the last day which caused a 7% drop.

Good news from Washington concerning the federal funding for most of the 600 state wildlife conservation projects. The projects will not be affected immediately by a court-ordered agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and humane interest groups.

The lawsuit was brought last March by the Committee for Humane Legislation and other anti-hunter groups and charges the federal grant-in-aid program with non-compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

The agreement, reached Nov. 27 and signed Dec. 5, specifies that the service will not renew funding for any of the project grants that come up for renewal for at least 60 days. However, service officials estimate that only about 10% will expire over the next two months, with most coming up for renewal on July 1st. The service does plan to approve new projects during this time after assurances that they comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. In 1978, almost \$63 million in federal funds was distributed to the states which employ about 2,000 biologists, technicians, and administrators under the federal aid program for wildlife.

The federal grants are authorized by the 1937 Federal Aid in Wildlife

restoration Act. Federal funds come from excise taxes on sporting arms, ammunition, and archery equipment and are apportioned to the states on the basis of land area and the number of hunting licenses sold. In addition, a certain portion of funds is distributed on the basis of population and may be used by the states for hunter-education programs.

Projects to be funded, such as research or the acquisition or improvement of suitable wildlife habitat, are selected by the state, but must be approved by the Fish and Wildlife Service. If approved, the state is reimbursed for up to 75% of the expenses incurred in carrying out the project. Many are multi-year projects that must be renewed annually. None will be renewed during this 60-day period.

The Committee for Humane Legislation and other groups which are against hunting and fishing would sabotage this federal act and deprive the states this important funding. The sportsmen of this nation fought for and secured this legislation in 1937 to save the wildlife in this country. It makes one wonder how these anti groups think. They make a lot of noise for the preservation of our wildlife, while they attempt, by hook or by crook, to endanger this very existence of wildlife by blocking funds that care for the animals of the wild in this country. Are the words "two-faced" appropriate?



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Tabulation of all ballots will be handled by the staff of the Agawam Advertiser/News. The deadline for the Winter sports category is March 15, 1979.

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Southwick Hockey News

by Sandy Haramut

The Southwick skaters didn't fare too badly the weekend before Christmas.

The 6-8 New England By-Products lost to the Westfield Kiwanis 7-1 on Dec. 23. Mark Frappier scored the only goal, with John Rock playing a strong game on center.

On the 24th, the boys beat 16 Acres by a score of 13-0. Hat tricks were scored by Jeff Johnson and David Humiston. Everyone on the team either scored or assisted.

The Southwick 8-10 Police split their games beating East Longmeadow 4-2 and losing to East Springfield 5-1.

In the East Longmeadow game, Pat McDonnell scored the hat trick while Russell Sabadosa scored the other goal. The defense of Chuck Wilson, Jason Labrecque, Ronnie Hebert, and Erik Sheldon was outstanding.

In the East Springfield game, the team just couldn't get started. Pat McDonnell scored the only goal, assisted by Robbie Haramut.

The Southwick Firemen's Association's 10-12 hockey team is still seeking its first win of the '78-'79 season. Although unable to break into the win column, Coach Chris Sheldon is pleased with the overall improvement of his charges. With each game, the team is showing more and more its ability to use basic hockey skills. The results of the games for the week of Dec.

17 to 23 are as follows: a loss to Westfield, 7-1; a loss to Longmeadow, 4-1; and a loss to Springfield Elks, 6-2. In the last two games, Southwick was able to keep the other teams from scoring for more than one full period.

Chuck's Steak House 12-14 team lost both of their games over the weekend, first to East Longmeadow, 7-5, and then to 16 Acres, 7-4. Both were wide-open, hitting games. Gene Davidson scored the hat trick, while other scores were made by Doug Sullivan, Joey Myette, and Darren O'Clair. The penalties didn't help Southwick in either game.

The 14-16 VFW team beat Ludlow 3-0 in its game. Jeff Bryton scored two goals and Scott Miltimore scored the other. The game was very exciting.

On January 8, 1979, the Southwick Hockey Association will have its monthly meeting at the Southwick American Legion at 7:30 p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend.

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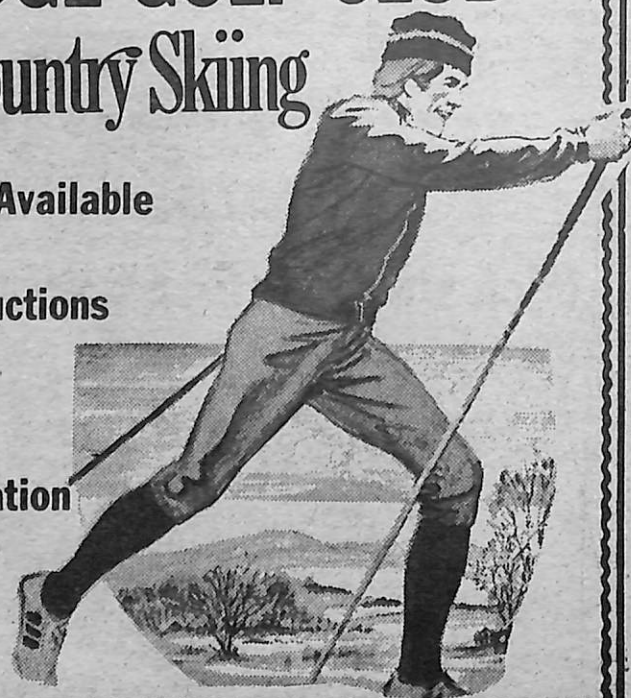
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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES 1979

CLIP AND SAVE

BOYS BASKETBALL VARSITY & JV 1978-79

Coach - Varsity - Mr. Conte

Coach - JV - Mr. Baker

Site for Home Games - Agawam High School

Time - 6:00 p.m.



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
January		
3	Chicopee	Away
5	Amherst	Away
9	East Longmeadow	Away
12	Ludlow	Home
16	Putnam	Home
19	South Hadley	Away
23	Minnechaug	Away
26	Longmeadow	Home

February

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
2	Amherst	Home
6	East Longmeadow	Home
9	Ludlow	Away
13	Putnam	Away
16	South Hadley	Home
20	Minnechaug	Home
23	Longmeadow	Away
27	West Springfield	Home

GIRLS' BASKETBALL 1978-79

Coach - Varsity - Mrs. Fitzgerald

Coach - JV - Mrs. Stevens

Site for Home Games - Agawam High

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
January			
3	Chicopee	Home	6:00
5	Amherst	Home	3:30
9	East Longmeadow	Home	"
12	Ludlow	Away	"
16	Putnam	Away	"
19	South Hadley	Home	"
23	Minnechaug	Home	"
26	Longmeadow	Away	"

February

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
2	Amherst	Away	"
6	East Longmeadow	Away	"
9	Ludlow	Home	"
13	Putnam	Home	"
16	South Hadley	Away	"
20	Minnechaug	Away	"
23	Longmeadow	Home	"
27	West Springfield	Away	"

BOYS' SWIMMING

Coach - Mr. David Smith

Site for Home Meets - Agawam Jr. High

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
January			
5	Westfield	Westfield H.S.	3:30
9	Northampton	Northampton YMCA	2:30
12	Holyoke	Home	3:30
16	Turners Falls	Turners Falls H.S.	3:30
19	Tech	Home	7:00
23	Hoosic Valley	Home	3:30
26	Waconah	Home	3:30
30	Westfield	Home	3:30
February			
2	Northampton	Home	3:30
6	Holyoke	Holyoke H.S.	3:30
9	Turners Falls	Home	3:30
16 & 17	West Mass.	Spfld. College	6:00
23 & 24	States	Spfld. College	6:00

GYMNASTICS

Coach - Miss Greguoli

Site for Home Meets - Agawam High (small gym)

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
January			
9	West Springfield	Away	3:30
13	Monument Mt.	Away	1:00
16	Hampshire Reg.	Away	4:30
20	Frontier	Away	1:00
24	East Longmeadow	Home	7:00
27	Minnechaug	Home	1:00
February			
2	Classical	Away	4:30
7	Greenfield	Home	7:00
10	South Hadley	Home	1:00
12	Holyoke	Home	6:00
14	Amherst	Home	7:00

JUNIOR HIGH BOYS' BASKETBALL 1978-79

Coach - Mr. G. Smith

Site for Home Games - Agawam Jr. High

Time - 3:15 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
January		
3	Chicopee	Away
5	Amherst	Away
9	East Longmeadow	Away
12	Ludlow	Home
16	Putnam	Home
19	South Hadley	Away
23	Minnechaug	Away
26	Longmeadow	Home

February

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
2	Amherst	Home
6	East Longmeadow	Home
9	Ludlow	Away
13	Putnam	Away
16	South Hadley	Home
19	Minnechaug	Home
23	Longmeadow	Away
27	West Springfield	Home

JR. HIGH GIRLS' BASKETBALL 1978-79

Coach - Miss Clark

Site for Home Games - Agawam Jr. High

Time - 3:15 p.m.

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
January		
3	Hopkins Jr. High	Home
5	Amherst Jr. High	Home
9	Palmer	Home
16	J.F.K. Jr. High (Nham)	Away
19	West Springfield	Home
23	Hawley Jr. High (Nham)	Home
31	Hopkins Jr. High	Away

February

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
2	Amherst Jr. High	Away
6	Palmer	Away
9	Hawley Jr. High	Away
13	J.F.K. Jr. High	Home
16	West Springfield	Away

WRESTLING

Coach - Mr. Tomkiel

Site for Home Matches - Agawam High

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
January			
4	East Longmeadow	Home	8:00 p.m.
6	Amherst & Frontier	Away	12:00 noon
10	Westfield	Away	7:00 p.m.
13	Tech	Home	12:00 noon
25	West Springfield	Home	8:00 p.m.
27	Classical	Home	6:30 p.m.
31	Cathedral	Home	8:00 p.m.
February			
2	Ludlow	Away	8:30 p.m.
7	Longmeadow	Away	3:30 p.m.
10	Putnam	Away	11:00 a.m.
16 & 17	Western Mass. Tournament		
23 & 24	State Tournament		
March			
3	New England		

BOYS AND GIRLS SKI LEAGUE - 1979

Boys' Coach - Mr. Files

Girls' Coach - Miss Machnik

Site - Berkshire East

Time - 4:30



RACING DATES (both teams)

January	February	March
4	1	2 All Western Mass. Rac
11	8	
18	15	
25		

VARSITY HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Coach - William Sapelli

Asst. - William Morrissey



DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
January			
3	West Springfield	E.S.E.	8:30 P.M.
9	Westfield	"	8:30 P.M.
12	Longmeadow	"	5:30 P.M.
16	Cathedral	"	8:30 P.M.
22	West Springfield	"	7 P.M.
24	Chicopee	Pioneer	7 P.M.
February			
1	Classical	E.S.E.	7 P.M.
7	Chicopee Comp	Pioneer	7 P.M.
8	Westfield	E.S.E.	7 P.M.
13	Minnechaug	"	8:30 P.M.
15	Chicopee	"	8:30 P.M.
19	Easthampton	"	7 P.M.
27	Holyoke	"	5:30 P.M.

JV HOCKEY SCHEDULE

Coach - Jack Kunasek

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
January			
4	Classical	E.S.E.	2:50
9	Ludlow	Oly.	4:00
12	Longmeadow	Oly.	3:00
16	Classical	Cyr	5:00
23	West Springfield	E.S.E.	2:50
25	Westfield	Oly.	4:00
29	Tech	Oly.	4:00
31	Enrico Fermi	Enfield	4:20
February			
1	Minnechaug	Blunt Park	3:00
7	Suffield	Oly.	4:00
13	Fermi	Oly.	4:00
15	Westfield	E.S.E.	4:00
21	Minnechaug	E.S.E.	8:30 a.m.



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